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MEDIA ADVISORY PSC To Hold Local Public Hearings In St. Louis In AmerenUE Rate Case

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold four local public hearings in the **St. Louis area** in early January to receive customer comment on an electric rate case filed by Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE. Two local public hearings will be held on **January 2, 2007**, and two more will be held on **January 8, 2007**.

Local public hearings are designed to give customers of AmerenUE an opportunity to comment on the rate proposal before the Public Service Commission. In addition, local public hearings give customers an opportunity to bring any service related problems to the Commission's attention. The **St. Louis** local public hearing schedule appears below:

January 2, 2007

St. Louis County Library Thornhill Branch 12863 Willowyck Drive 11:30 am*

January 8, 2007

Univ. of Missouri-St. Louis Century Rm.-Millennium Student Center One University Boulevard 11:30 am*

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Wohl Community Center Auditorium 1515 North Kingshighway 5:30 pm*

January 8, 2007

St. Louis Community College of Forest Park Highlander Lounge of the Student Center 5600 Oakland Avenue 5:30 pm*

* Informal question and answer session begins. The local public hearing starts approximately 30 minutes later and will conclude when the last witness has testified.

Consumers unable to attend the local public hearing and wish to make written comments may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857, e-mail opcservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 800-392-4211, e-mail pscinfo@psc.mo.gov

These local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearings.

On July 10, 2006, AmerenUE filed an electric rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase electric service revenues by approximately \$360.7 million. For the average residential customer, the proposed increase would be approximately \$6.00 a month.

The rate case filing also includes a request to implement a fuel adjustment clause. A fuel adjustment clause, if approved by the Commission, would allow increases or decreases in fuel and purchased power costs occurring after base electric rates are set by this current rate case to be passed through to customers as a separate line on customer bills. Increases in fuel and purchased power costs above base electric rates would be applied to customer bills via a separate and additional charge and decreases would be applied to customer bills via a credit.

AmerenUE serves approximately 1.1 million electric customers in Missouri.